NAOHITO!
WHAT IS IT KUZURE?
UWAH!

KUZURE'S ALL ITCHY!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
I GET IT, SO STOP SCRATCHING!
もっさ
IT'S PROBABLY JUST SHEDDING TIME.
SHED-DING?
SEE? A LITTLE SCRATCHING AND YOU GET THIS...
KUZURE'S GONNA BE SHAVED AWAY AND DISAPPEAR!?
YOU'RE NOT! YOU'RE NOT!

I'VE ACTUALLY ALREADY GOT ALL THE TOOLS FOR BRUSHING!
THAT'S WHAT THESE ARE FOR,
YOU'LL BE FINE!
WILL IT HURT?
YEAH, IT'S ALRIGHT, COME HERE,
I'LL DEAL WITH THE ITCHING.
BRUSHING?
BUT,
ALRIGHT THEN,
Be gentle...?
Please...
NO... NOTHING.
SOMETHING WRONG?
?

Why does she always say it like that...
She may not be aware of it but...
ALRIGHT, STARTING FROM THE BACK.
Getting more than I expected.
HOW IS IT? DOES IT HURT?
N-no~

...
YOUR BELLY NEXT.
O-OKAY~
STOP MAKING WEIRD SOUNDS!
OKAY!
Naahhh... There...
More!
...

# 19尾 Shedding Fox

YOSH, JUST LIKE THAT.
KU-ZURE,
DOES ANYWHERE STILL ITCH...
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WHERE DID IT ALL COME FROM...
THERE SURE WAS A LOT THOUGH,
GUESS I'LL TAKE A NAP.
I'm getting sleepy too,
ギュッ
もぞ...
She's so easygoing.

THIS IS IT?
KUZURE... THE DISASTER FOX'S OWNER'S HOME...?
IT WAS LEFT KINDA VAGUE LAST TIME...
TODAY I'LL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I'M ON TOP!
PREPARE YOURSELF KUZURE!
HEY!

WH-WHAT WAS THAT!?
ドタバタ
SORRY FOR BARGING IN!
AAAAH
ドッ
AH, YOU'RE THE ONE FROM THE MAIN TEMPLE,
UM...
SAKI!
やれやれ
やれやれ
やれやれ

WH...
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
AND SO MANY OF HER!?
WHY IS SHE SO SMALL...
COULD IT BE...
HAH!

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF KUZURES...
THE POWER OF THE DISASTER FOX, FOR SELFISH DESIRES...
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING!?
HOW DESPICABLE!
WHAT?
IT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS NAPPING!
I DON'T EVEN GET HOW IT HAPPENED!
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A PRANK BY KUZURE BUT...
SHE'S STILL FAST ASLEEP!

NAOHITO...
HUNGRY...
UWAH!?
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

KUZU-MOCHI!?
ばっ
-G-YAAH!
THEY'RE GOING TO THE KITCHEN!?
BUT WHY...
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STOP!
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WHAT IS GOING ON?
THE CHIBI KUZURE'S...
THERE THERE, YOU'RE ALRIGHT NOW!
Save me!

AH...!
NOT REALLY...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT'S ALL GONE...
THE FUR FROM THE BRUSHING...
I KNEW IT...
WHAT IS IT?

I DON'T GET WHY, BUT THE FUR FROM KUZURE STARTED MOVING ON IT'S OWN...
PROBABLY SOME OF KUZURE'S POWER LEFT IN THE FUR...
...HUH?
NMH!
WHY DIDN'Y YOU USE SPIRITUAL PROOF PLASTIC BAGS!?
THAT'S A THING!?
MGH~
THAT WAS A GOOD SLEEP!
KUZURE!
AH!
NAOHITO!
KUZURE'S HUNGRY!
YOU'RE TOO CARE-FREE!

NYOWA!
LOOK!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW, THEN THEY MUST BE REACTING AND MOVING UNCONSCIOUSLY...?
WH-WHAT IS THIS? TINY KUZURE'S...?
THIS IS BAD THEN,
RIGHT NOW IT'S REACTING TO HER HUNGER,
UNTIL THE MAIN BODY'S HUNGER IS SATISFIED...

ONCE THEY'VE EATEN ALL THE FOOD IN THE HOUSE...
NEXT WOULD BE...
GOING OUT-SIDE!?
IF THEY GET OUTSIDE...
IT'LL BE MORE THAN JUST A NUISANCE TO THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD!
AH, BUT THE DOORS ARE ALL LOCKED!
Good thing too!!
AH...
I CAME IN THROUGH A WINDOW AND LEFT IT OPEN...

TH-THIS ISN'T MY FAULT!
I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON...!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT...
SAKI... RIGHT?
CAN YOU HELP ME OUT A BIT?
What are we gonna do though
We gotta get their attention somehow...

HIT ME...
AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
EH...? WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU HAD THAT KINDA HOBBY?
That's kinda...
NO!
JUST DO IT QUICK! PLEASE!
A-ALRIGHT...
YOU BETTER NOT COMPLAIN!

OW...
STRONGER THAN I EXPECTED...
NATURALLY,
I DO KNOW SOME FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.

What
Are you doing?
Huh...?
This is...
Ba...

NAOHITO!
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
IT LURED ALL THE CHIBI'S BACK!
YOU HELP TOO!
CATCH THEM!
R-RIGHT!
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ドタ
バタ

IT WAS VERY BOLD OF YOU.
EVEN HAVING ME ATTACK YOU TO LURE THEM IN...
BUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR UNCONSCIOUS REACTION,
THEY'RE JUST FUR, SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FOR LONG,
A FEW OF THEM WOULDN'T BE A THREAT.
IS THIS REALLY ALL OF THEM?
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もぞ
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封印
封印
SHE'S SIMPLE.
I HAD FAITH THAT KUZURE WOULD FALL FOR IT,
MGH~ NAOHITO'S A BULLY!
...
YOU, BELIEVE IN THAT?
THAT'S A PART OF THE DISASTER FOX,
IT'S GOT A DANGER-OUS POWER SELDOM SEEN IN HISTORY.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU SO DISTRUSTFUL OF KUZURE?
I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD THE DISASTER FOX'S NAME...
TO ME, KUZURE IS JUST KUZURE...
YOU SAY THAT, BUT,
...THERE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN INCIDENTS WITH SOME OF THE OTHER 108 TAILS MANIFESTING,
I WAS INVOLVED IN A FEW OF THEM AS SUPPORT.
Each of them had monstrous strength, a rampaging beast without intelligence or will,
Then, with such a firm grip on her existence... Kuzure intentionally appeared.
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE WARY.

ムキー!!
うぅぅぅ…
AND,
SH'E GOT IZUNA-ONEE-SAMA'S ATTENTION!
THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE THING I CAN'T FORGIVE!
SO THAT'S THE REAL REASON.
WELL, I'M SORRY.
I HAD KUZURE GET ANGRY AT YOU...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SCARY...
HUH!? I WAS TOTALLY FINE!?
EH!?
でしたわけど!?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THERE'S NO WAY AN IDIOT LIKE THAT COULD EVER STARTLE ME!
GOT IT!?
WHAT!?
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ACK!!
MGH! I REALLY HATE YOU!
HEY... YOU,
WE ONLY JUST CAUGHT THEM!
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もぞ
AH! IN MY CLO-THES!?
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H-HEY! MY CLOTHES...
WHY ARE YOU...
HYAHN!
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STOP THAT!
KUH... I WON'T YIELD...
TO SOME-THING LIKE THIS...
AH!
WAHA HAHA! SERVES YOU RIGHT!
Caatchy caa!

ARE YOU MOVING THAT?
BY THE WAY,
HUH?
THIS GIRL...
I AM!
I should have,
At the time, I wasn't paying attention to the "other tails manifesting",
Paid much more attention to that.

GULP

Furry...